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SUBJ: DIVIDED FAMILIES: MORE ON THE THREE CASES, CASELOAD STATISTICS,
AND DF LISTS

REF: A. WARSAW 2323, B. STATE 079050, C. STATE 080549,
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1. ON APRIL 7, WHILE MEETING AT THE MFA WITH VICE DIRECTOR LUCJAN
LIK (MICKIEWICZ'S REPLACEMENT) AND MINISTERIAL COUNSELOR ROMAN BROZ
OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY OFFICERS (WOLF AND HRINAK) DIS-
CUSSED THESE ASPECTS OF THE DIVIDED FAMILIES QUESTIONS:

2. THE THREE CASES. EMBOFFS REGRETTED THAT, AFTER MORE THAN THREE
MONTHS, NONE OF THE CASES RAISED BY SECRETARY VANCE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER WOJTASZEK ON DECEMBER 30 HAD BEEN RESOLVED. IN THE BIEGUNSKI
CASE, WE HAD LEARNED ON APRIL 6 THAT MACIEJ BIEGUNSKI HAD COMPLETED
THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHILD SUPPORT MATTER, BUT
THE WARSAW PASSPORT OFFICE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE EVIDENCE TO THIS EF-
FECT, SAYING THAT HE HAD TO RESUBMIT A NEW PASSPORT APPLICATION. HE
HAD ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR THE EMBASSY
HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE. BIEGUNSKI HAS MET THE POLISH
CONDITIONS FOR A PASSPORT, HE SHOULD THEREFORE RECEIVE IT OR AT LEAST
BE GIVEN CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS AND HELP. WHEN LIK SAID THAT PASSPORT
AFFAIRS WERE CONTROLLED BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, EMBOFFS RESPONDED
THAT THE BUREAUCRATIC DETAILS WERE, OF COURSE, THE GOP'S AFFAIR. HOW-
EVER, A COMMITMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE BIEGUNSKI CASE BY THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER TO SECRETARY VANCE. ACTION WAS NOT NEEDED. WE ASSUMED THAT
THE MFA COMMUNICATED WITH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY REGULARLY AND WOULD
DO SO IN THIS CASE. LIK AND BROZ AGREED TO CHECK AND LET US KNOW.
(NOTE: WE WILL CALL LIK AND BROZ ON APRIL 11 OR 12 IF THEY DO NOT
CALL US BY THEN. END NOTE.)

3. THE POLES REVIEWED THE KOTLARZ CASE, EMPHASIZING THE ALLEGED VISA

FRAUD AND POLISH CITIZENSHIP ASPECTS. EMBOFFS RESPONDED WITH OUR VIEW THAT, AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, MARIA KOTLARZ SHOULD BE FREE TO GO HOME IF SHE WISHES. THE POLES VOLUNTEERED TO FIND OUT IF THE KOTLARZ COUPLE WISH TO GO THE THE US TOGETHER. (COMMENT: IF THIS POLISH INITIATIVE ENDS WITH MR. AND MRS. KOTLARZ GETTING POLISH DOCUMENTATION, WE WILL, OF COURSE, EXPEDITE THEIR TRAVEL TO THE US. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT ACTIVELY SUCH A SOLUTION UNTIL WE KNOW L'S VIEWS ON THE APPLICABILITY OF STOESSEL-SPASOWSKI IN THIS CASE. END COMMENT).

4. THE POLES WHO STILL WANT TO EMIGRATE. (SEE WARSAW 2845) EMBOFFS HANDED THE POLES A LIST OF 26 FAMILIES WHO HAD CONFIRMED TO US THAT THEY STILL WANTED TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES. THEY SAID WE WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT INFORMATION THE GOP APPARENTLY HAD. THE OFFICIALS ACCEPTED THE LIST WITHOUT COMMENT EXCEPT FOR BROZ SAYING SOTTO VOCE IN POLISH THAT THE GOP'S INTENTIOND DID NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH THE WISHES TO THE 26 FAMILIES. (COMMENT: WE CANNOT TELL IF THIS WAS A FLIPPANCY ON BROZ'S PART OR NOT. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE WATCHING THESE CASES CLOSELY OVER THE NEXT WEEKS AND MONTHS. END COMMENT)

5. A NEW DF LIST. FINALLY, EMBOFFS HANDED THE POLES A NEW DIVIDED FAMILY LIST OF 127 CASES UNDER COVER OF A THIRD PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE. LIK ACCEPTED THE NOTE, BUT EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE COVERING DOCUMENT WAS NOT A "PRO MEMORIA". WHEN THE CONSULAR COUNSELOR SAID THE PRACTICE HAD BEEN TO USE THIRD PERSON NOTES FOR THIS PURPOSE
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SINCE 1974, LIK RESPONDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER TO A NOTE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RESPOND CLEARLY WHEN THE EMBOFFS ASKED IF "PRO MEMORIA" WOULD BE ANSWERED. (COMMENT: TO OUR RECOLLECTION, NONE OF OUR NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN ANSWERED IN WRITING SINCE WE BEGAN HANDING THEM IN. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ALTERING THE FORMAT FROM A THIRD PERSON NOTE TO A "PRO MEMORIA". WE WOULD NOT EXPECT TO GET WRITTEN ANSWERS IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON WHETHER THERE IS ANY LEGAL OR POLICY ADVANTAGE TO EITHER FORMAT. END COMMENT).

6. THE NEW DISCUSSION PARTNERS. MICKIEWICZ TOLD THE DCM ON APRIL 4 AND CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS ON APRIL 7 THAT LIK AND BROZ WILL BE THE EMBASSY'S NEW DISCUSSION PARTNERS ON ALL VISA AND SUPPORT PROBLEMS, IE, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT/DIVIDED FAMILIES. AFTER INTRODUCING MR. LIK AND SAYING HE WOULD COMPLETE THE VISA FACILITATION PROJECT WITH THE CONSULAR COUNSELOR SHORTLY, MICKIEWICZ LEFT THE APRIL 7 MEETING.

7. LIK, WHO HAS BEEN A VICE DIRECTOR IN THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT SINCE 1976, WAS POLISH AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD BEFORE THIS ASSIGNMENT. HE IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRG DURING THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.

8. WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE OF BROZ'S ROLE. BEFORE HIS PRESENT WARSAW ASSIGNMENT, HE WAS POSTED TO THE POLISH MISSION IN COLOGNE. IN ADDITION TO WORKING IN THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, HE MAY ALSO SERVE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE AS A SPECIAL ADVISOR ON VISA AND PASSPORT MATTERS. HE SEEMS TO BE TOUGH, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND IS AU COURANT ON MANY OF OUR CASES AND PROBLEMS. (OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE FRG EMBASSY HERE, WHO DEAL WITH BROZ ON THE ETHNIC GERMAN REPATRIATION AGREEMENT, SAY THAT HE IS NOT DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, HE CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDS IT. EVEN THOUGH LIK IS APPARENTLY SENIOR TO BROZ, HE DEFERRED TO HIS COLLEAGUE DURING THIS MEETING.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND US ANY AVAILABLE
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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ROMAN BROZ. WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON LUCJAN LIK, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING SUBSEQUENT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 76 USINT BAGHDAD 1108.
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